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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS PARTICIPATION IN RUKUM TETANGGA

1. ACTION GENERAL COUNSEL HAS RAISED WITH US QUESTION OF PEACE CORPS PARTICIPATION IN GOM'S RUKUN TETANGGA ("COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE") PROGRAM. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL FOREIGNERS EXCEPT DIPLOMATS MUST REGISTER AND THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PATROLS OR PERFORM CLERICAL SERVICE BUT THAT LATTER MAY BE NEGOTIABLE. QUESTION IS RAISED WHETHER ANY PEACE CORPS PARTICIPATION IN RUKUN TETANGGA IS APPROPRIATE, GIVEN PEACE CORPS' TRADITIONAL NON-PARTICIPATION IN HOST COUNTRY POLITICAL MATTERS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM US REGARDING GENERAL QUESTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN RUKUN TETANGGA, AND SPECIAL CASE OF PEACE CORPS. WHAT REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE GOM, BOTH GENERALLY AND IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE PEACE CORPS? WHAT ARE EMBASSY VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS? KISSINGER
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